

## DR. TRAUTMAN NOT IN COURT.

## CASE OF ACCUSED WIFE OF PHYSICIAN GOES OVER.

Hogan, who said she robbed him, swears to complain—She says it is an outrage—Dr. Trautman says he was too busy to attend—Will be there to-morrow.

Mrs. Jeanne Trautman, wife of Dr. Alexander Trautman of 308 Lexington avenue, came to the Jefferson Market police court yesterday morning to answer the charge of robbing Peter J. Hogan, who says he is an Erie Railroad freight clerk, of \$13 last Saturday night. She was in court promptly at 9 o'clock and sat on the front seat in the court room with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Scofield of 131 West Twenty-first street. Mr. Scofield had bailed her out from the police station cell the night before. Dr. Trautman was not in court.

Mrs. Trautman was self-possessed. She is tall, very dark and dignified. She told the story of her arrest to a Sun reporter. "I had been shopping and was walking up Sixth avenue at about 6 o'clock when a man grabbed me by the arm and shouted 'Police!' I asked what he wanted, but he just held on to my arm and kept shouting. A policeman ran up and arrested me. I protested. I told him who I was and that I had never seen this man before. The man just said, 'She stole my money,' and the policeman carried me off."

"At the station house I protested to the man at the desk, the sergeant. I told him it was all a mistake. I told him I was Mrs. Trautman, but the man again said I had stolen his money and the policeman led me back to a cell."

"I got word to my friend Mrs. Scofield, and she and her husband had me bailed out and I went home with them."

Hogan, a small, slim man, who blinks behind heavy double lens glasses, came in after Mrs. Trautman and her friends arrived and told the reporter the same story he had told Policeman Gilligan when he had Mrs. Trautman arrested. "I was walking up Fifth avenue on Saturday night," he said. "Two women passed me near Thirty-fifth street. One of them stopped, took me by the arm and led me down into an alleyway. She threw her arms around me and I saw her hands in my pockets, but my pocketbook was still there, and I thought it was all right. Next morning I found \$13 had been taken from it."

Hogan was asked if he was positive in his identification of Mrs. Trautman. "Yes, I cannot be mistaken. That is the woman who robbed me. I did not see her after that night until yesterday afternoon, but I know that she is the one."

Magistrate Finn disposed of the routine cases, and at 10 o'clock summoned Mrs. Trautman and Hogan before him. He asked Mrs. Trautman if she had a lawyer to defend her.

"No," she answered. "I do not think I need a lawyer. My friends here in court know me, and the charge is absurd. I was at my home all the time this man says he was robbed. He has made a terrible mistake."

Hogan swore to his complaint, and then the Magistrate advised Mrs. Trautman to ask for an adjournment and engage a lawyer, and after consulting with Mr. Scofield she consented. Examination in the case was then set for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, and the station house bond was continued.

Mrs. Trautman could not explain why her husband was not in court with her. She said that she had tried to reach him during the night with telephone messages and telegrams and thought that he was probably at their summer home in Great Neck, L. I.

Dr. Trautman was seen at his Lexington avenue home in the afternoon. "This is outrageous!" he declared, pacing the floor of his office. "The fellow's intention is simply maddening. The idea of having my wife arrested and getting her name in the newspapers in this way. It is outrageous! If I had been in court this morning I would have stood up with this fellow. I would have knocked his teeth down his throat."

Dr. Trautman was asked why he had not been in court.

"You must know I am very busy. I have a large number of patients waiting for me to-morrow," he said. "But I will be there at the examination on Thursday. The affair seemed insignificant to me at first. But the man is evidently crazy. I have been in charge of the insane asylum at Ward's Island and know what I am talking about. This man is crazy. I have heard that he has caused arrests before. I mean to look up his record."

"Were you at Great Neck last night?" "No, I was at the Hotel Breslin and this morning I was very busy."

Dr. Trautman said that while his wife was on Friday and Saturday nights. "Oh, I do not know. I am a very busy man. She was probably at some concert or visiting the family of her music teacher, Augustina Carbone."

Mr. Carbone was seen at his studio in Carnegie Hall.

"Yes, Mrs. Trautman and my wife and I were at the Manhattan Opera House on Friday night," he said. "I did not see her Saturday night. She told me that she was going out of town over Christmas. But she came to take her music lesson yesterday and she said that she had been so ill that she had been unable to leave town."

Mr. Carbone said that Mrs. Trautman had been one of his pupils for three years and that he had the highest respect for her. His wife was with him in the studio and joined him in praising Mrs. Trautman's character. Mrs. Carbone said that while her music lesson on Monday Mrs. Trautman had said that she was going out to buy a Christmas present for the Carbone little baby.

"She was probably looking for this present when that man had her arrested," she said.

"To look up a well known, respectable woman on the complaint of an unidentified man is disgraceful," Carbone said. "It could not happen in any city but New York. Why, here a nobody, a loafer, could have any person, no matter who or what she was, arrested by simply telling a policeman that he had been robbed. It is absurd that the good name and standing of one like Mrs. Trautman should stand for nothing against the word of an ordinary man in this kind of a case."

At the police station Hogan gave his address as 102 East Twentieth street. There is no such number on that street. In court

## NO MIDNIGHT MASS REVOLT.

## FRANCE AT LARGE IGNORES RELIGIOUS PRIVATION.

Private Celebrations for the Devout Accented General Indifference—Press on Both Sides, However, Indulges in Bitter Talk—Pious Window Smasher.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Dec. 25.—Christmas has come and gone in France without the Christmas midnight mass, and personal inquiry would be necessary to find any one who felt the privation keenly. Really, midnight mass was celebrated in various places where the devout could assemble, just as there is mass daily in the churches, and the devout attended without any embarrassment whatsoever; but the spectacle hunters, who have been numerically the greatest factor in the midnight mass, went their several ways without seeming to mind this grave change ordained by the Church.

Devout worshippers, to the number of a thousand, made their way to the great Church of the Sacred Heart in Montmartre, where midnight mass was celebrated. They were admitted through the sacristan's door. Most of them departed after the mass, but many lingered to pray for the Church's welfare and in silent adoration. The incident only emphasized the lack of deep interest shown elsewhere, a lack which goaded some of the Church papers into a sneering approach to fanatic abandon than has been shown in many weeks.

The *Autorité* says fervently that next year when the peasants leave their cottages and step into the cold night they will see a light on a hill, a light similar to that of the Star of Bethlehem. Crowds will gather in a barn, open to the winds of heaven, to celebrate a feast to which the churches are closed.

The *Libre Parole* says: "Sadness and despair are met on every hand, yet at times one utters a horrible laugh, produced almost involuntarily by a situation which, though atrocious, is so illogical, so grotesque, that it compels a laugh. It seems that men going to the scaffold must laugh that way."

The anti-Church organs, on the other hand, speak in quite a matter of fact way. The *Aurora* says that the abolition of the midnight mass here is an episcopal lockout, with a plain purpose, viz., to create the idea that as there is no more midnight mass, persecution is beginning. It adds that there is not a Catholic in France who does not know that if there is no midnight mass it is by the will of the Bishops.

The *Humanité* says: "Behold a Church which when not persecuted persecutes itself. It is she who extinguishes in the heavens the star of the wise men. She had best have a care lest the eyes of her children lose their habit of searching in the night for this light. But really, why does she suppress the midnight mass and yet ordain that other masses continue? She is no more menaced on Christmas than on other days, and she appears rather as desiring to provoke agitation."

It remained for a Church sympathizer to cause the only public agitation in Paris to-day. At the corner of the Grand Boulevard and Rue Richelieu there is a window known for years to thousands of tourists, swells and Frenchmen, where public men are caricatured in drawings that are changed daily. The caricature to-day showed Cardinal Richelieu, with Deputy Denys Cochin hanging to his shoulders in a way which offended a Catholic journalist, Henri Bruchard.

Bruchard, being apparently a prudent man, did not act impulsively, but went up to a policeman standing near the window and inquired what would happen if he smashed the window. The policeman politely informed him that it would be necessary to arrest him. Thereupon Bruchard violently struck the window with his cane and bade the officer do his duty. After acknowledging his guilt at the station house and declaring that he had acted because his conscience was violated by the caricature, Bruchard was liberated. He promptly wrote a letter to the evening papers of Amiens.

In the various communes of the Somme no declarations have been made to the number of forty-five. The validity of eighty associations, called *celles*, formed despite the Papal interdiction, will soon be tested in the courts. M. Vannesson, president of the association at Culey, has summoned M. Camus, treasurer of the vestry, to surrender the parish books and property. M. Camus replied by questioning the legality of the association, which retained Abbé Hutin as priest after the Bishop of Verdun had suspended him.

## WOULD OUST MERRY DEL VAL.

Pope Clings to Him and Policy Adopted in France—Widespread Sympathy.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Rome correspondent of the *Telegraph* says that a bitter feeling has arisen against Cardinal Merry del Val, Papal Secretary of State.

A serious movement has been begun to secure his retirement in the hope of arranging a compromise with France, which is impossible so long as he is at the helm.

The Pope clings to him, and it is doubtful if the intrigue succeeds, which would mean the removal of the cardinal.

ROME, Dec. 25.—The Pope's Christmas messages were double the usual number this year, especially from France and the English speaking countries. A majority of them refer to the position of the Church in France, express loyalty and offer pecuniary help.

The Pope says that these messages afford him peculiar consolation, especially in view of the bitter hostility of the newspapers. His Holiness, speaking to a friend after the Christmas mass, said:

"I have acted in the interests of the Church. If individuals suffer, I will try to relieve their distress, as they are in the position of innocents suffering persecution, but I cannot regret what I have done."

## NO CURSON-LEITER BREAK.

Mrs. Leiter Emphatically Denies That There Have Been Strained Relations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter to-night authorized a denial of the story sent out from Chicago a few days ago that strained relations existed between her family and her son-in-law, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, former Viceroy of India. The story given in the Chicago despatches was to the effect that Lord Curzon went to a hotel when he was in Chicago and Washington on business connected with the settlement of his wife's estate and did not stop with the Leiters. It was said also that Joseph Leiter left Chicago to avoid meeting Lord Curzon.

Mrs. Leiter was most emphatic in her denial, declaring that the relations between her family and Lord Curzon were of the most cordial.

## CONNECTICUT'S TESTS SECRET.

## No Word Given Out Regarding New Battleship's Behavior at Sea.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 25.—After a cruise of three days off the Virginia Capes the new battleship Connecticut, built at the Brooklyn navy yard, again entered the Chesapeake this morning and is now at anchor in Lynn Haven Bay.

The ship has been at sea for eight days all told and nothing is yet known outside official circles as to what speed she may be capable of developing.

This is regarded as significant at this naval station and it is feared that the performance of the last addition to the navy may not have been all that was expected of her. The first run of the vessel after leaving the Brooklyn navy yard was described as a shaking down run. When the vessel returned here this morning information was imparted to the effect that the last cruise was merely for testing the working of the ship's helm and the obedience of the ship to it. When the vessel went to sea the last time it was reported that her speed would then be tested.

The commander of the vessel has asked permission to take her to Cuba in advance of the fleet, scheduled to sail the second week in January. The ship will coal, probably, at Newport News, before again going to sea.

Rear Admiral Coghlan said last night at the Brooklyn navy yard that so far as he had been informed the Connecticut had had no formal trial. He said the vessel was being run up and down the coast by the machinery. Admiral Coghlan did not believe that the Connecticut was not doing as well as was expected.

## FIREMEN'S STRIKE A FAILURE.

## No Tieup on Southern Pacific—No Danger to Other Harriman Lines.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 25.—All trains east of here on the Southern Pacific are moving on time, notwithstanding the firemen's strike. Officials declare that no freight is tied up and that trains are moving as usual.

Negroes and Mexicans are being employed as firemen and engineers are breaking them in rapidly.

"With our oil-burning engines a fireman can become proficient in one trip," said S. C. Marks, superintendent of the Southern Pacific here, "and we are having no trouble getting men."

Some cowboys stoned a train at Alpin because a deputy sheriff from Sanderson fired a train into El Paso.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 25.—Despite threats of the striking Texas firemen to call out all firemen on the Harriman system if the Texas trouble is not adjusted immediately, Union Pacific men have not yet a strike.

Last spring the Union Pacific entered into a contract with the firemen's union, and all points are covered in the agreement, which has eighteen months more to run.

There has been jealousy always between Southern Pacific and Union Pacific employees, so great that no sympathetic strike has ever extended from one road to the other. Four years ago the great strike of shopmen on Union Pacific did not extend to Southern Pacific, although the leaders made every effort to have it do so.

## THREAT TO STORM FAILED BANK.

Police Busy Keeping Order Among Farmers Who Lost by Rinehart's Methods.

WAYNESBURG, Pa., Dec. 25.—Hundreds of farmers who live in remote parts of Union Pacific territory have learned the hard way through the weekly arrival of the mail, came to town to-day to learn the exact condition of affairs at the failed Farmers and Drovers' National Bank.

Crowds began to assemble on the streets early, and by noon, in spite of the cold, the throng had increased to thousands. As the townspeople told the country people what they knew of conditions, the indignation of the farmers, many of whom had everything, their all, in the bank, became dangerous.

Several times the crowd became unruly, and threats were made to storm the bank. The police had much trouble in maintaining order.

Contrary to his custom, J. B. F. Rinehart, former cashier of the defunct bank, did not attend service at the Methodist Church. Rinehart spent the greater part of the day at home. In the afternoon he visited the office adjoining the bank, where he has made his headquarters since he was deposed as cashier. Charles Sharak, the special examiner, is expected to-morrow.

What action he will take is a matter of conjecture.

In an interview Bank Examiner John B. Cunningham this afternoon said: "I can only say that what arrests will be made, there will be many. It is the most deplorable condition of affairs that I ever knew."

The unfortunate young women who were formerly employed as clerks in the bank and against whom it will be necessary to bring charges of constructive fraud on account of the crookedness of Rinehart spent the saddest Christmas of their lives. Friends will undoubtedly stand by the young women.

That many failures will follow the crash of the bank is now generally believed. It is said that the failure of Reuben Goldberg & Co., in which Rinehart was interested, is only the first of many.

Rinehart was interested in half of the business concerns in the town, and there is no doubt that many of them will be unable to weather the storm.

## AUTO CAUGHT WOMAN'S GOWN.

Chase of Twenty-two Blocks Follows on Car—Chauffeur Held.

An automobile owned by E. R. Dick, a broker, of 30 Wall street, and driven by John McMahon of 71 West 102d street whisked down Broadway at 130th street last night so close to the curb that it caught a woman's skirts in the spokes of the wheel and threw her to the ground.

Henry C. Lichten, his wife and Lena Lichten, his mother, all of whom reside at 577 West 130th street, were standing at the corner of Manhattan avenue and Broadway waiting for a car to take them downtown.

The auto caught the elderly Mrs. Lichten's gown and she was dragged off her feet. The chauffeur, called out "Merry Christmas," and put on more power.

A Broadway car was behind the automobile when it was caught. The chauffeur, called out "Merry Christmas," and put on more power.

The motorist forgot his passengers and the police and fire departments were investigating, occurred in the hold of the Empire State, a line boat of the Barry Transportation Company, in the lake at the foot of Illinois street, late to-day, and practically burned the vessel to the water's edge.

The vessel was recently withdrawn from the Chicago-Milwaukee service as a passenger steamer and had been laid up for the winter. The value of the ship is estimated at \$50,000.

Spring Weather in Denver.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 25.—In Colorado and Wyoming to-day the weather has been like early September. Overcoats and wraps were discarded, thousands of people were seen in carriages and automobiles dressed in summer clothes, most of the ladies being bareheaded.

After all, Denver's the South that made the highest snow—Ad.

## NINE KILLED IN RACE WAR.

## NEW TROUBLE BREAKS OUT IN KEMPER COUNTY, MISS.

Eight of the Nine Men Killed Are Negroes—Troops Withdrawn After the First Trouble—Gov. Vardaman Sending More Troops—Two Whites Arrested.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Dec. 25.—Nine dead and three wounded is the record of the race riot in Kemper county since the trouble started Sunday morning. Eight of the dead are negroes, while but one white man was killed.

When the troops arrived at Wabash last night they found the little town in a fever of excitement over the clash between the races earlier in the day.

Col. McCants, the commander of the Second Regiment, was informed that the negroes had fortified themselves two miles from Wabash, and a party of soldiers went out to dislodge them, but when the troops arrived on the scene the blacks had disappeared. Two negroes were killed near Wabash by whites early last night, but no further trouble occurred there during the night or this morning.

All of the negroes in that section had either fled or secreted themselves in their homes, and believing the trouble at an end, Col. McCants returned to Meridian with the soldiers this afternoon.

To-night rioting broke out at Scooba, a town in the same county, five miles south of Wabash, as a result of which five negroes were killed. The Sheriff of Kemper county was unable to control the situation and sent Gov. Vardaman an urgent appeal for troops.

The Governor immediately notified the militia at Meridian, Macon and Columbus to proceed to Scooba by special train. The Meridian troops have already gone and the Macon and Columbus soldiers are expected to reach Scooba before morning.

Reports from Kemper county by long distance telephone state that all of the white people in the county are up in arms, and a deadly clash is likely between the races.

The negroes are said to be heavily armed with rifles and shotguns, and it is believed that much blood will be shed before the troops arrive.

Two of the alleged slayers of the negroes at Scooba have been placed under arrest, and Gov. Vardaman has ordered a company of State troops from this city to prevent their escape.

The race war is an outgrowth of the killing of two conductors on Mobile and Ohio railway trains by negroes, one on Sunday and the other to-day.

## HELD UP.

Mr. Philip Duffy's Adventure With a Pair of Pirates.

The ferryboat Colorado of the Roosevelt street ferry was moving out of the Broadway, Williamsburg, slip about 9 o'clock on Monday night when Philip Duffy, who is 50 years old and a laborer living at 204 South street, ran out on the bridge and, with a leap that would have been a creditable performance to a man of half his years, jumped to get aboard.

"That was a close call," he said. "I want to get home to buy a few things for the kids before the stores close. He put his hand into his pocket to see if his money was safe and walked into the women's cabin. He neither smoked nor drinks and he took the women's side of the boat to escape the tobacco fumes."

Duffy found himself alone and taking out his money began to count it. With what he had drawn out of the savings bank and his week's wages he had \$52. As he was putting his money away two men walked into the cabin and took seats beside him. They waited until the boat got pretty well out in the East River. One of them, leaning over, said to Duffy:

"We want that money and we want it damned quick." The speaker shoved a revolver against Duffy's ribs. Duffy jumped up.

"And if you make any noise it's overboard for you," said the second robber, throwing up a window. "Hand over the change or out through the window you go."

"Is that so?" said Duffy, who boasts that he was a "mild" good wid the gloves ago. He hit the man with the gun a smash in the face that knocked him into the corner. Before the second man could recover from his surprise Duffy let him have a kick in the abdomen that took all the fight out of him. Duffy was after the first man again in an instant and quickly took the revolver from him.

"It's overboard for mine is it?" he laughed. "You thought the old man was easy, eh? I guess you didn't see me make that ten foot leap aboard the boat a few minutes ago. It's damned if I've not half a notion to throw you both out of that window."

The members of the crew had heard the racket and ran in to aid Duffy. He said he was only beginning to get mad as he realized what had been attempted, and had they not appeared he surely would have made both burglars leap into the river.

Policeman J. O'Neill of Oak street station took the men when the boat tied up. They said they were H. F. O'Brien of Worcester, Mass., and John Connell of Norwich, Conn. Magistrate Crane held them both for General Sessions in \$500 bail each.

## FIRE IN A SHIP.

Vessel Tied Up for the Winter Burned—Police Investigating.

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## More Federal Land Fencing Indictments.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 25.—In an indictment found by a recent Federal Grand Jury, just made public, T. E. Brady, a well known Great Falls attorney, is charged with unlawfully erecting and maintaining a fence and preventing free passage across 13,167 acres of public land in Valley county. He gave bonds for his appearance. There are several other indictments against prominent persons living in Cascade county.

Gold & Black Label Sherries, bottled in Spain, Feldman Importing Co., New York—Ad.

## TO HALT J. J. HILL'S STOCK ISSUE.

## Minnesota Attorney-General to Ask an Injunction To-day.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—Attorney-General E. T. Young has the papers practically completed for an injunction suit to prevent the Great Northern's \$50,000,000 issue of new stock.

They probably will be filed in the district court of Ramsey county to-morrow and notice served on the railroad company at once. An early decision of the question is desired because the books will be open for subscriptions to the new stock on January 4.

The State's legal representative will ask for a temporary restraining order to hold back the deal until the case can be decided on its merits. The Great Northern is a Minnesota corporation, and so comes under the State law requiring railroad to get the consent of the State Railroad Commission before issuing new stock or other securities.

## ARCHDUKE'S LAST SURRENDER.

Gave Up Everything for Wife; Now Wants to Give Her Up, Too.

SPECIAL CABLE DESPATCH TO THE SUN. VIENNA, Dec. 25.—Archduke Leopold Salvator, who renounced his family rights four years ago and married Wilhelmine Adamovic, the daughter of a post office employee, with whom he has since lived near Vienna, is now seeking a divorce.

He has summoned a Viennese lawyer to arrange terms with his wife, who has already agreed to a separation.

## WHOLE TOWN TO EMIGRATE.

9,000 Residents of Bejar, Spain, Going to Uruguay and Nicaragua.

SPECIAL CABLE DESPATCH TO THE SUN. MADRID, Dec. 25.—Nine thousand of the inhabitants of the town of Bejar, which is forty-five miles south of Salamanca, decided some time ago to emigrate in a body.

A meeting was held yesterday, which approved the offer of the Presidents of Uruguay and Nicaragua to supply ships and funds for the transportation of the emigrants.

## FREEDOM HIS XMAS GIFT.

Wealthy Philadelphian Wins Long Fight for Release From Asylum.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—Theodore Wright, once a leading financier and railroad man, was released to-day from the Burn Brae Hospital for the Insane at Clifton. Wright's release followed a bitter legal struggle, which he carried on against his own family single handed except for the aid of Attorney Thomas Earle White, to whom he had smuggled a letter from the asylum.

His own family finally became confident of his sanity, reversed their position and to-day for the first time for ten years Wright ate Christmas dinner as a free man.

Wright was a member of the shipping firm of Peter Wright & Sons and president and heaviest stockholder in the Winifred Railroad in Virginia. Wright was regarded as one of the biggest and keenest business men in Philadelphia until his quiet disappearance last year ago. It was a long time before his friends learned what had become of him.

Gradually the story leaked out that his son, Minton B. Wright, had had him placed in an asylum. The commitment was upon an affidavit signed by two well known physicians. Nothing more was heard from Wright for a few years. Then he managed to communicate with Mr. White. Mrs. Frances Davis, a sister of Wright, who lives in Colorado, arrived in this city, and going to Burn Brae took her brother away. Wright is worth several millions.

## ABOY THERE, CASEY!

Came Aboard, Said the Tennessee's Crew, With Boat Hooks, and He Did.

The Joy Line steamship Tennessee, which was due to leave Pier 28, East River, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, was delayed over an hour because of the effect of Christmas on one of the crew, a fireman named Casey.

According to the story told by the crew of the Tennessee, Casey came to the pier shortly before 5 o'clock and tried to board the boat by the forward gangplank. The crew was straight and Casey's course was triangular. He missed the boat but hit the river.

Casey swam around for some time and the crew finally got boat hooks to pull him aboard. The boat hooks were a success, but Casey shouted that he was a Hippodrome mermaid and came aboard clad in his shirt. Dr. Gates took him to St. Gregory's Hospital and said that it was a case of alcoholism. He added that what Casey got on the outside wasn't as bad as what he got on the inside.

## WOULD CREMATE ALL AUTOS.

Petition to Belgian Parliament Makes 1906 Their Limit.

SPECIAL CABLE DESPATCH TO THE SUN. BRUSSELS, Dec. 25.—A petition has been presented to Parliament asking that every motor vehicle in the country be burned in one great bonfire before 1908, the resultant scrap metal to be sold for the benefit of those who have been maimed by the accursed automobiles.

CHARLES A. WEBER HELD.

Diamond Merchant Accused of Conversion of Property Arraigned in Court.

Charles A. Weber, the diamond merchant who had a shop recently at 320 Fifth avenue, and who is under arrest charged with the larceny of many thousands of dollars worth of diamonds, was arraigned in the Tombs police court before Magistrate Crane yesterday morning. There were two charges. One was made by George W. Lyons, who gave him a diamond ring worth, he said, \$500, to sell on commission. A pawn ticket attached to the papers showed that Weber under the name of Francis had pawned this ring for \$275. He was held for examination on this charge in \$1,500.

The second set of papers showed Adolph Ludeke of Ludeke & Heiser to be the complainant. He charged the larceny of a pearl necklace worth \$5,500 given to Weber on memorandum and converted to his own use. Bail was made \$5,500 on that charge. Weber's bondsmen had not reached the court when it adjourned, and he was sent to the Tombs. The examination on both charges was fixed for January 2.

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## PUTTING IT UP TO ROOSEVELT.

## CONGRESS TO MAKE A FIGHT ON THE NEGROES' DISCHARGE.

Foraker, It Is Said, Has More Ammunition, Which He'll Use in the Senate—Fight to Be Made on Sanders's Reimbursement—The President Is Aroused.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—"I think the story about what the President intends to do in the matter is too silly to discuss. Please do not ask me to comment upon it," said Senator Joseph B. Foraker of Ohio to-night upon his return from New York when his attention was called to the report that President Roosevelt would veto any measure that Congress might pass restoring to the service the negro members of the Twenty-fifth Infantry who were discharged without honor from the army on a charge of engaging in riotous behavior at Brownsville, Tex., and that if such a measure were passed over his veto he would refuse to obey it, pending a decision by the United States Supreme Court.

Two interpretations may be placed on this statement of Senator Foraker above quoted: first, that he doubts that the President has assumed the attitude he is said to have taken; and secondly, that it doesn't worry the Ohio Senator much, even if the President's position has been accurately stated in the press reports.

The Ohio Senator is a fighting man. The controversy that has developed over the Brownsville incident gives him an opportunity to gratify his taste for battle. Mr. Foraker absolutely declined to-night to enter into any discussion of